

SENATOR NICHOL: You have thirty seconds left.

SENATOR MARESH: Well, if you will support the amendment on Select File, I will withdraw my amendment.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, I need to talk to you about it. I am not going to make an absolute agreement at this time to do that, but I will work with you and you can offer it on Select File if the bill moves that far. Otherwise, it may even be a moot question.

SENATOR MARESH: Okay, Mr. President, I will withdraw that amendment for the time being.

SENATOR NICHOL: Is there an objection? If so, the amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Beutler and it is found on page 674 of the Journal.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Beutler, would you like to present your amendment? Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, we are on your amendment to the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, my amendment is a very short one. Again, it is an exemption and it would exempt from the ban on studded snow tires vehicles which display license plates carrying the wheelchair symbol. These are paraplegics. There are 569 licenses issued under the wheelchair symbol right now. So you would be exempting from the ban vehicles driven by paraplegics, and the basic rationale is simply that it is difficult for them to handle cars in the first place, so it would be helpful to them if they could retain the privilege of using studded snow tires. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kahle, did you wish to speak to this?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of the....Mr. President, I should say, and members of the body, I think we are going to complicate this thing and I happen to agree with Senator Newell I guess as to how you are going to determine...I guess for the paraplegics they would have a paraplegic plate on their car so you could probably tell, but it doesn't take a patrolman very long to pick up the studded tires on the highway if he is sitting there listening, and I wondered about some of the other amendments that we have had about exempting people. How are we going to determine who has an exemption? With the paraplegic I can